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Agricultural Summary

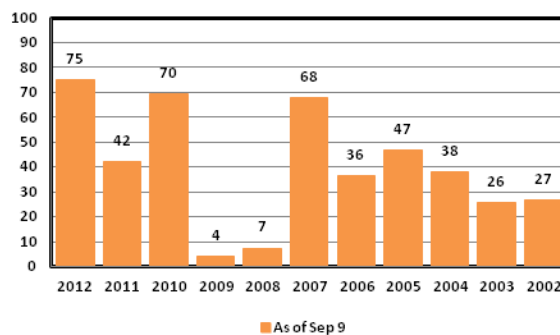
Most of the state received more rain again last week. Statewide precipitation averaged 1.32 inches, 0.69 inches above normal. Along with the rain came cooler temperatures with statewide temperatures averaging 72.6 degrees, 2.3 degrees above normal. Topsoil moisture was rated at 16 percent very short, 31 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels improved slightly to 36 percent very short, 47 percent short, and 17 percent adequate. Corn harvest continued to progress with 21 percent of the crop now being harvested. Corn harvest was 4 percent complete at this time last year and the 5-year average for this time period is 6 percent. There was little change in the corn condition, now rated at 41 percent very poor, 34 percent poor, 20 percent fair, and 5 percent good. Soybean harvest is beginning in many areas around the state but only 1 percent of the crop has been harvested so far. Sixty percent of the soybean crop is turning yellow, compared to 40 percent last year and the 5-year average of 42 percent. Soybeans dropping leaves jumped to 21 percent, compared to 10 percent last year and the 5-year average of 16 percent. Soybean conditions were rated at 20 percent very poor, 22 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 18 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. Pasture conditions continued to improve last week with 30 percent rated very poor, 29 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 14 percent good, and 1 percent excellent.

Crop Progress Percents

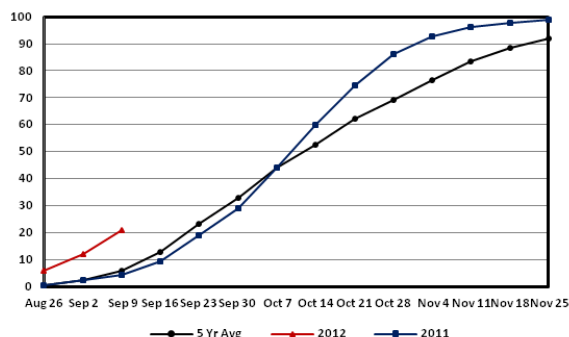
	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Year Average
September 9				
CORN:				
Dent	97	95	92	80
Mature	75	63	42	38
Harvested	21	12	4	6
SOYBEANS:				
Setting pods	99	99	100	100
Turning yellow	60	41	40	42
Dropping leaves	21	7	10	16
Harvested	1	1/	1/	1
SORGHUM:				
Headed	99	98	98	97
Coloring	90	68	86	72
Mature	40	10	34	30
Harvested	7	1/	1	4
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Third cut	92	91	91	89

1/ Data not available or less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Mature
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Corn - Percent Harvested
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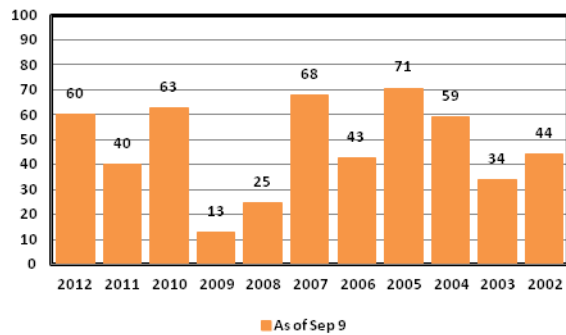


Crop Condition Percents

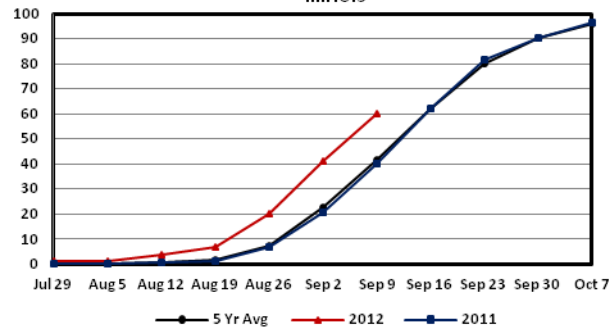
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
September 9					
Corn	41	34	20	5	-
Soybeans	20	22	39	18	1
Sorghum	55	19	18	8	-
Pasture	30	29	26	14	1

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil				Subsoil			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	September 3-9					September 9			
Northwest	5.6	24	47	29	-	36	49	15	-
Northeast	4.7	36	51	13	-	72	23	5	-
West	4.6	18	25	57	-	40	46	14	-
Central	4.5	11	15	74	-	32	42	26	-
East	4.0	-	17	83	-	14	56	30	-
W Southwest	3.5	8	36	55	1	32	63	5	-
E Southeast	3.7	15	27	57	1	31	42	27	-
Southwest	4.8	38	62	-	-	80	20	-	-
Southeast	3.7	14	15	64	7	22	49	29	-
State	4.4	16	31	52	1	36	47	17	-

Soybeans - Percent Turning Yellow
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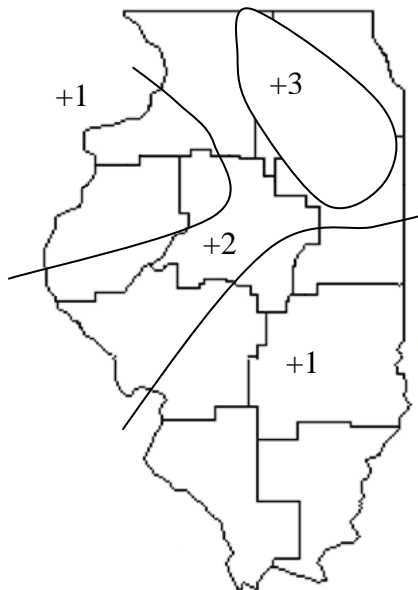
Crop Progress Percents by Districts

District	Corn Dent	Corn Mature	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Turning Yellow	Soybeans Dropping Leaves
September 9					
Northwest	94	50	7	54	18
Northeast	98	42	2	72	39
West	99	84	17	57	16
Central	98	91	17	63	18
East	96	79	16	68	16
W Southwest	100	95	47	44	14
E Southeast	100	93	40	69	33
Southwest	100	78	47	39	12
Southeast	99	69	36	65	20
State	97	75	21	60	21

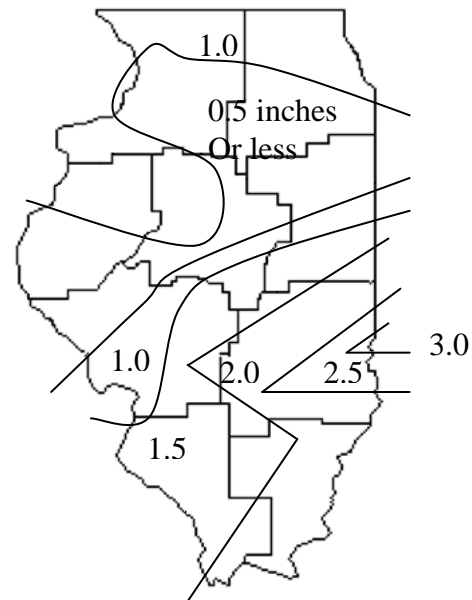
Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days 1/	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
September 3 - 9						
Northwest	70.4	2.6	1.04	0.35	2,788	285
Northeast	71.5	3.4	1.00	0.32	2,792	323
West	72.6	2.2	0.67	-0.05	2,970	229
Central	72.0	2.3	0.91	0.21	2,908	231
East	71.7	2.4	1.15	0.46	2,874	236
W Southwest	73.8	2.5	1.08	0.49	3,055	227
E Southeast	73.4	1.9	2.52	1.95	3,065	220
Southwest	74.3	1.7	1.67	1.14	3,153	212
Southeast	74.6	1.7	1.83	1.34	3,213	241
State	72.6	2.3	1.32	0.69	2,971	246

1/ Growing degree days (GDD's) are calculated by subtracting a 50-degree (F) base temperature from the average of the maximum and minimum temperatures for the day. The daily maximum temperature is limited to 86 degrees (F) and daily minimum is 50 degrees (F). Thus, if the mean temperature for the day is 75 degrees, then 25 GDD's will have been accumulated.



Temperature (°F) Departure
September 3 - 9



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 3 - 9

Weather data provided by the Midwestern Regional Climate Center
Visit their home page at <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/>
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NASS is currently conducting our annual September surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of September, NASS is surveying U.S. small grains growers for final production. We are also asking hog producers about their summer pig crop, next year's farrowing intentions, and current inventory. The responses will provide the foundation for 2012 production estimates. All survey responses are confidential, by law, and are exempt from the Freedom Of Information Act. Your information matters!

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